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# Leveraging Federal Programs: U.S. DOE Clean Cities

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# Climate Change and Transportation in the U.S.

- The transportation sector is the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions
  - Largest share (33%) of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2001
  - Increased 22% from 1990; Expected increase 44% by 2020
  - Petroleum products are 98% of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> transport sector emissions; Motor gasoline is 59%, 2001

Data from U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration



# Climate Change and Transportation – The Future

- As nations grow wealthier, their people buy cars
  - Developing countries will account for more than one-half of the increase in global transport energy use
- **Future transportation demand trends will be influenced by government policies directed at reducing emissions and congestion while promoting alternative fuels, advanced technologies, and mass transit.**

Data from U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration



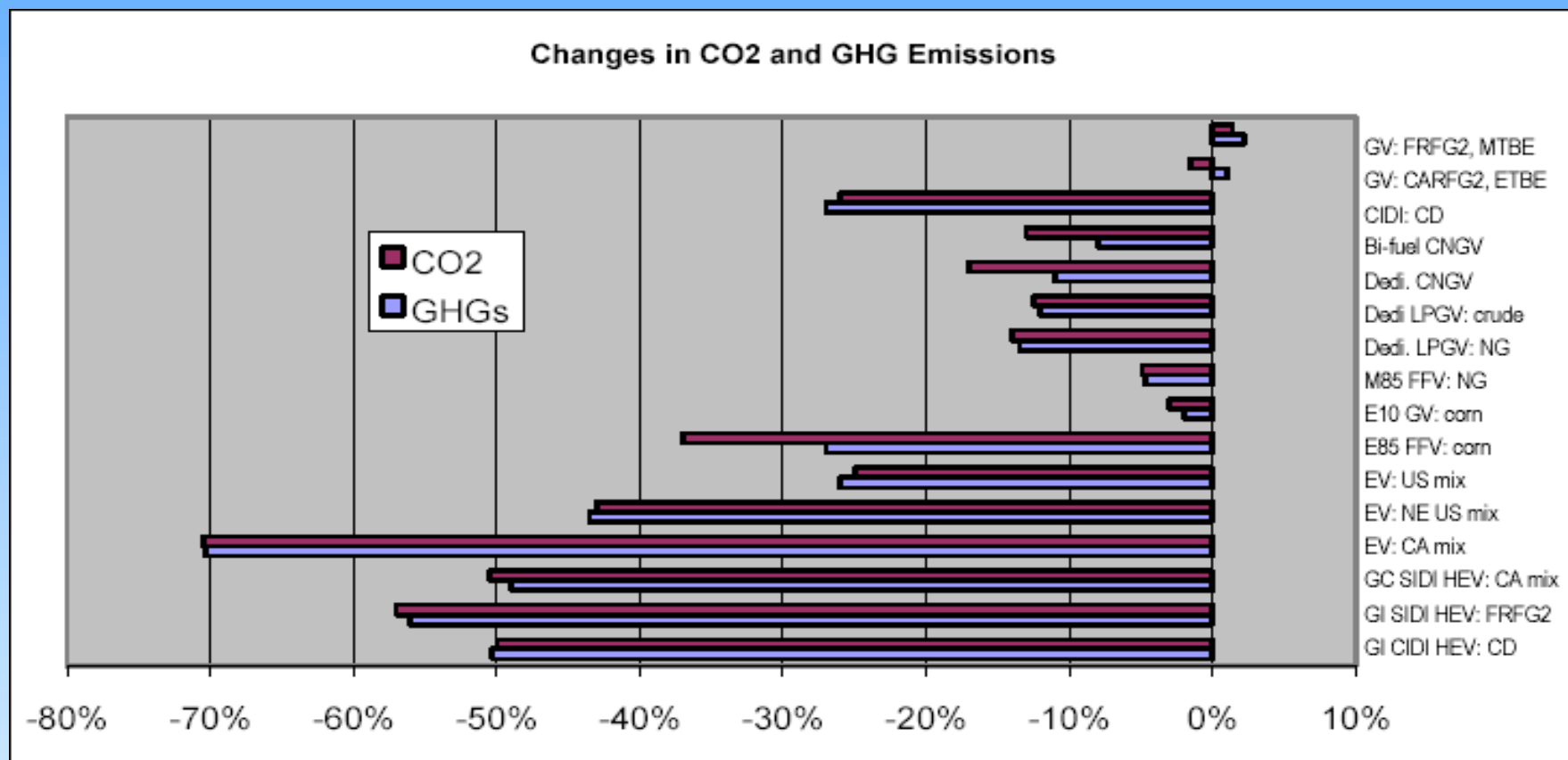
# Potential Reductions in the Transport Sector

- Improve vehicle fuel efficiency
- Change vehicle and/or fuel type
- Switch transport mode
- Infrastructure development
- Reduce transport activity
- Increase load factor
- Raise quality of fuels consumed
- Research and development of new technologies

# Alternative Fuel Vehicles: A Part of the Solution

- Reduce vehicle emissions
- Improve local/regional air quality
  - Reduced negative health impacts
- Use Domestic Fuel Resources
- Provide Good Long-Term Investment
- Promote Economic Development
- Reduce vulnerability from Crude Oil Price Spikes and Shortages
- Register projects for emission reductions with programs including:
  - U.S. DOE Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program

# Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Lower Emissions Comparison



Argonne National Laboratory, GREET Model

# Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Lower Emissions Summary

## Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV)

- Light-duty NGVs realize 17% reductions in life-cycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions relative to equivalent gasoline vehicles due to the lower carbon content of natural gas.
- However, the overall reduction in GHGs is discounted some (down to 11%) due to the methane emissions from the leakage associated with natural gas.

## Battery-Powered Electric Vehicles (EV)

- In general, EVs reduce GHG emissions by more than 40 percent
- Battery-powered EVs have no tailpipe emissions of GHGs
- Most all EV emissions are associated with generating electricity for battery recharging; these vary, depending on the power generation mix used to charge the batteries

# Current AFVs in the U.S. (2002 estimates)

- **Alternative Fuel Vehicles**
  - 110,000 CNG Vehicles
  - 10,400 Electric Vehicles
  - 269,000 Propane Vehicles
- **Alternative Fuel Refueling Stations**
  - 1,280 Natural Gas Stations
  - 592 Electric Rechargers
  - 3,353 Propane Stations
  - 170 E85 Stations
- **Approximately 39 light-duty models available**
- **100 medium/heavy-duty models available**





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# Future of AFVs in the U.S.

- Advanced technology vehicles (AFVs or advanced engine technology) are projected to:
  - Reach 2.1 million vehicle sales per year by 2020
  - 12% of total projected light-duty vehicle sales
- Alcohol flexible-fueled vehicles are expected to lead advanced technology vehicle sales, reaching approximately 644,000 units by 2020.
- About 80% of advanced technology sales are a result of Federal and State mandates for either fuel economy standards, emissions programs, etc.



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# Federal Role in Transportation Policies

Policy	Year	Regulations & Standards	Financial Incentives	Information
EPCA (CAFE)	1975	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AMFA	1988	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EPACT	1992	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ISTEA & TEA-21	1991 & 1996		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

# How the U.S. Government Supports AFVs

- **Fuel Taxes**
  - Highway Tax
  - Ethanol Production Tax Credit
- **Energy Policy Act**
  - Vehicle and Refueling Tax Deductions
  - Vehicle Acquisition Requirements for Federal, State, and Fuel Provider Fleets
  - Voluntary Market Development
    - DOE Clean Cities Program



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# U.S. Clean Cities Program

- **A voluntary, locally based government/industry partnership**

- Currently 79 Active Cities
- Over 4,800 Stakeholders
- 181 million gallons of petroleum displaced per year
- 32,000 metric tons of emissions reduced per year



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# Clean Cities Goals

- 1 Million AFVs Nationwide by 2010
- 1 Billion Gasoline Gallon Equivalents/Year of Alternative Fuel Used Nationwide in AFVs by 2010
- 75% of the Clean Cities Coalitions will be Self-Sustaining by 2005



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# Local Clean Cities Objectives

- Identify and Educate Fleets About Alternative Fuels
- Build Necessary Refueling Sites
- Train Drivers, Mechanics and Others
- Educate the Public
- Find Adequate Resources for AFV Projects
- Encourage Governments to Pass Legislation Favorable to AFVs



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# Clean Cities Products Offered

## Funding

- Rebates
- State Energy Grant Program
- Advancing AFV Events
- Tiger Teams

## Products

- Clean Cities Web Site and Hotline
- Alternative Fuel News
- Case Studies/Fact Sheets

## Tools

- Shuttle Bus Tool Kit
- Fleet Buyer's Guide ([www.fleets.doe.gov](http://www.fleets.doe.gov))

## Training

- Grants Writing
- Foundation Funding/CMAQ Funding
- Organizing Effective Coalitions
- National Clean Cities Conference
- "Tiger Teams"



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# Clean Cities Success Stories

- **Checker Cab, Atlanta, Georgia**
  - Total of 70 CNG taxis  
(Almost all Ford Crown Victorias)
  - Reduce costs of vehicles by combining grants and rebates
  - Checker Cab CNG refueling stations are available to the public 24 hours per day
- **Northside Independent School District, Northside, TX**
  - 410 propane vehicles (some bi-fuel)
- **Denver International Airport**
  - About 1000 electric and natural gas vehicles of all types



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# Lessons Learned from the Clean Cities Program

- Incentives to encourage purchases are key
- Active fuel suppliers are necessary
- Drivers & mechanics must be educated
- Only high performance technologies should be selected
- Customers must be vocal about what they want in terms of vehicle types
- Coalitions are important: need strong coordinator
- Niche markets are a must



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[www.ngvi.com](http://www.ngvi.com)

Gas Technology Institute

[www.gastechnology.org](http://www.gastechnology.org)

International Association of Natural Gas Vehicles [www.iangv.org](http://www.iangv.org)

Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition

[www.ngvc.org](http://www.ngvc.org)

National Propane Gas Association

[www.npga.org](http://www.npga.org)

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